State	Number of Malpractices/ Irregularities detected
Orissa	4
West Bengal	15
Goa	2
Gujarat	41
Madhya Pradesh	13
Maharashtra	26
Andhra Pradesh	14
Karnataka	23
Kerala	5
Tamil Nadu	24
TOTAL	309

Disinvestment in BRPL

1024. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of proposed disinvestment of Bongaigaon Refinery and Petrochemical Ltd. (BRPL) in Assam;

(b) whether ICICI has submitted its report on disinvestment of BRPL;

(c) if so, the salient features and reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) whether Government would consider exclusion of BRPL from disinvestment in line with the report of ICICI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Government had approved the appointment of an Adviser to examine all alternatives and options including those recommended by the Disinvetment Commission. the recommendation of BRPL Board on the Report of Adviser has been received. The report of Adviser broadly covers aspects such as financial analysis, marketing of products, future business scenario and strategic alliance opportunities for BRPL.

The Government has meanwhile, appointed a Committee to *inter-alia*, study and assess the viability and prospects of stand alone marketing companies and stand alon refineries including the BRPL

Price of Aviation Turbine Fuel

1025. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to reduce price of aviation turbine fuel;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to end dual pricing system of ATF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The Ex-storage point price of ATF (other than International airlines) exclusive of Excise Duty etc. has been reduced by Rs.78.24/KL with effect from the midnight of 27th/28th February, 1999.

(c) No, Sir.

Performance of Private Sector in Oil Exploration

1026. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the performance of private sector in the field of oil exploration, so far;

(b) whether Government are satisfied with their performance; and

(c) if not, the details of steps taken to improve their performance specially in the North-Eastern Region?